

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer -City of Danbury, Connecticut.

RE: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on November 18, 1985.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. by the Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Bernard Gallo.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton, with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Council Members - Johnson, Sollose, Philip, Torcaso, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Hadley, Skoff, McManus, DaSilva, Gallo, Charles, Boynton, Butera, Smith, Eriquez, Farah, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilman Cassano.

20 members present - 1 member absent.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 18th day of November, 1985 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - RESOLUTION - Setting dates and times for regular Common Council Meetings for 1985-1987.
- 02 - RESOLUTION - Special Meetings of the Common Council.
- 03 - Election of President of the Common Council.
- 04 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Danbury Police Officers.

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices delivered by Police Officers of the Danbury Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Godfrey and seconded by Councilman Flanagan for the Call and Return of Service to be accepted. Motion carried.

01 - RESOLUTION - Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT, regular meetings of the Common Council of the City of Danbury shall be held at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, on the first Tuesday of each month commencing December 3, 1985 and continuing on the first Tuesday of each month thereafter except that the meeting in September, 1986 shall be held on the Third day of September, 1986 and the meeting in November, 1986 shall be held on the First Thursday of such month, November 6, 1986.

In 1987, regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, on the First Tuesday of each month. The meeting in September shall be held on the Third day of September, 1987 and the meeting in November shall be held on the Fifth Day of November, 1987.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Resolution to be adopted. Motion carried.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

02 - RESOLUTION - SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

1. When held - Special Meetings of the Common Council may be held whenever in the opinion of the Mayor, or in his absence, the acting Mayor, the interests of the City shall require, and shall be so held whenever seven members of the Common Council shall so require in writing.
2. Warning - All Special Meetings of the Common Council shall be warned by a written or printed Notice signed by the Mayor or Acting Mayor, and left with or at the usual place of abode or place of business of each member of the Common Council to be convened not less than 24 hours before the hour specified for said meeting, except in case of an emergency Special Meeting. Said Notice shall specify the time and place the meeting is to be held and shall be directed to any police officer of the City to serve and return.
3. Return of Service of Warning - The Return of the Police Officer serving Warning of any Special Meeting of the Common Council shall be evidence that such meeting has been warned as stated in such return.
4. Items to be considered - Only those items of business listed on said Notice shall be considered, discussed and acted upon.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilwoman Butera for the Resolution to be adopted. Motion carried.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

03 - Election of President of the Common Council.

Councilman Torian placed the name of Constance McManus in nomination for President of the Common Council submitting the following statement:

"Honorable Members of the Common Council: I have been impelled to nominate Connie McManus to the post of Council President because she has the qualification I believe we need in this office. Her wide experience which she has acquired over the past four years as Council President, in meeting with the public while representing both the Mayor and the Common Council at community and civic functions, has done much to broaden her leadership ability and elevate the levels of her courage, wisdom and sense of justice.

She has always demonstrated a willingness to strengthen and expand the lines of communication between the Common Council and other areas of City Government, in performance of the legislative process for the City of Danbury.

No community effort has ever been too trivial nor has any task appeared too formidable, to prevent Connie from supporting action which would be in the best interests of the City of Danbury. Yet she has a friendly out-going personality, and is a woman of wisdom and demands the respect of all who know her.

I have had the privilege of serving with Connie over the past six years, and I can think of no one who personifies a greater sense of compassion, thoroughness, patience and last but not least - accessibility. There must be accessibility, for no Council President can afford to be without accessibility and still function effectively.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in re-electing Connie McManus to the office of Council President, thereby insuring the continuance of effective, progressive leadership from a person who is uniquely qualified in this area, and who possesses an unparalleled level of dedication to public service. Connie McManus!!!

Councilman Gallo seconded the nomination by submitting the following statement:

Your Honor I would like at this time to second the nomination of Councilwoman McManus for Council President. I am not so sure some of my colleagues are aware of the many times Mrs. McManus has taken people to task for trying to slight the Council or for accusing the Council of a wrong doing which we had no say or choice in. I could go on and on and list all of Mrs. McManus's accomplishments but we are all aware of them.

The thing we should all keep in mind is Mrs. McManus's willingness to help her colleagues in a time of need whether it is Council Business, Politics in General or of a personal nature. Mrs. McManus is one of the most active and dedicated Council Presidents in Danbury's History and therefore I urge my colleagues to vote for and support her 100%.

Councilman Godfrey placed the name of Stephen Flanagan in nomination for President of the Common Council, stating that "Steve, as you all know, is a native Danburian, educated in local schools and knows the community. He has seen it grow in the last decade as we all have.

We know him to be independent minded. We know him to be outspoken on issues before the Council. He cares deeply about this community and the Common Council.

I am told that the largest room in the world is the room for improvement of course and certainly the Common Council can be improved and become more effective and he is the one person who can accomplish that.

He can improve communications, not only within the Council but between the Council and the Administration and all citizens of Danbury. The Council can be more open, more public discussion. I hope you will all join me in supporting Steve for this important position.

Councilman Eriquez seconded the nomination with no remarks.

Councilwoman Constance McManus was elected President of the Common Council by the following roll call vote of 16 votes for McManus and 4 votes for Flanagan.

Council Members who voted for Mrs. McManus were: Johnson, Sollose, Philip, Torcaso, Esposito, Zotos, Hadley, Skoff, McManus, Gallo, Charles, Boynton, Butera, Smith, Farah, Torian (16 votes)

Council Members who voted for Mr. Flanagan were: Godfrey, Flanagan, DaSilva and Eriquez. (4 votes)

04 - COMMUNICATION - Probationary appointments by Mayor Dyer of the following to the Danbury Police Department:

1. Forel Lance Brevard
173 Brushy Hill Road
Danbury, Conn. 06810
Age - 23 - Single
Graduate of Danbury High School
Attending WCSU, C-J Major
Police Officer WCSU Dept.
M.P.T.C Certificate
2. Carol Ferreri
18 Robinson Avenue
Danbury, Conn. 06810
Age - 42
Currently serving as City Fair
Housing Compliance Assistant,
and a Danbury Special Police
Officer.

The appointments are effective upon swearing-in. As soon as a new list is established Mayor Dyer will be appointing three more officers.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Godfrey for the Communication to be accepted and appointments confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no public speakers and no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Charles for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:40 P.M. Before adjournment Council President McManus announced that there would be a caucus for Democratic members of the Common Council in five minutes. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted